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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is to give my support to the Microsoft and Department of Justice settlement. Microsoft is one of our greatest companies and I resent the government interference in what is basically competition between technology companies. I doubt whether Microsoft has done anything that the other firms have not. More likely, the other firms could not compete and have gone crying to the government. They just want a bigger piece of the pie.

You don't have to look any further than AT&T to see the havoc that can result from breaking up certain so-called monopolies. AT&T was deemed a monopoly while we had the best service in the world. Now, no one can understand the half-dozen phone bills received each month from strange sounding phone companies. Phone companies come and go with alarming frequency, and those that stay in business seem to be merging all back together. I often wonder if I would have been better off if AT&T had been left alone.

The same may be true for Microsoft. In any event, Microsoft and the Justice Department have reached an agreement. Microsoft has agreed to open the company up to third party innovation; has agreed to disclose internal source codes for Windows; and agreed to an oversight committee. This is more than fair.

I urge you to give your approval to this agreement.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,



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